

HALLOWEEN SAFETY CHECK LIST

Costumes should:

- be made of flame retardant material;
- be made of bright material; and
- have reflector strips on them so the child can be seen in the dark.

Be sure that you do the following:

- make your Halloween props/decorations out of flexible materials, such as cardboard.
- wear shoes that are comfortable and easy to walk in.
- use face makeup instead of a mask to increase visibility. If a mask must be used, make sure the eyeholes are large enough to allow full vision.

Children should do the following:

- carry a flashlight
- never go inside anyone's home
- never trick-or-treat alone
- stay in familiar neighborhoods
- go only to homes with porch lights on
- always remove masks when walking from house to house
- cross streets at corners only and never between parked cars
- stay on sidewalks of only well-lit streets
- be aware of cars that may be turning into or backing out of a driveway
- never accept a ride from a stranger

Parents should do the following:

- review the "Stop! Drop! Roll!" drill in case a child's costume catches on fire
- accompany their children while they are trick-or-treating
- know the route their children will be taking if they are trick-or-treating with friends
- give their children change so they can call home if they are going to be late
- provide their children with a cell-phone that has 9-1-1 pre-programmed into it;
- toss out or x-ray any candy that looks suspect
- look in the newspaper for officially sponsored events
- instruct their children **NOT TO EAT TREATS UNTIL THEY RETURN HOME!**

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